

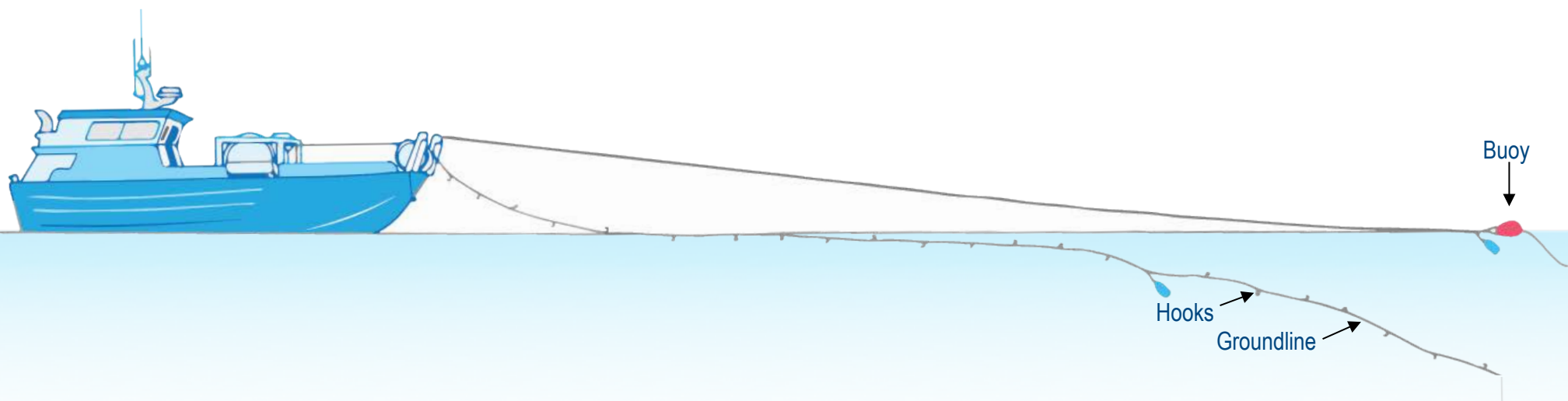
Alaska Seabird Avoidance Measures

Vessel Description

Vessels >26 to 55 ft. length overall without mast, poles, or rigging using snap gear or gear other than snap

Requirements

- ▶ Buoy bag line
- ▶ Performance and material standards are not specified.
- ▶ Intent is that buoy bag line hangs over area where baited hooks may be accessible to seabirds.



Weather Exception: In winds exceeding 30 knots (near gale or Beaufort 7 conditions), the use of a buoy bag line is discretionary.

What to do if you encounter an Endangered Short-tailed Albatross

Safe Release of Short-tailed Albatross

Live birds should be released on site if the bird **meets all of the following criteria**:

- ▶ Looks normal.
- ▶ Capable of holding its head erect.
- ▶ Responds to noise and motion stimuli.
- ▶ Breathes without noise.
- ▶ Can flap both wings, and it can retract the wings to a normal folded position on the back.
- ▶ Capable of elevating itself to stand on both feet, with its toes pointed in the proper position (forward).
- ▶ Dry.

If criteria for release are not met, contact **Alaska SeaLife Center stranded animal hotline: 1-888-774-7325 or 907-224-6395.**

Hook Removal from Seabirds

If you hook birds while hauling gear and they come on board alive make every reasonable effort to ensure that they are released alive.

Whenever possible, **remove hooks without jeopardizing the life of the bird:**

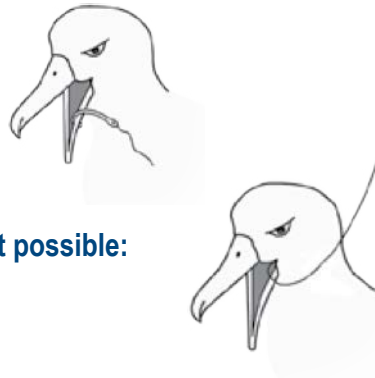
Wrap the bird's wings and feet with a clean towel to protect its feathers from oils or damage. **Protect yourself from the bird's beak – wear eye protection and heavy gloves.**

■ If the hook is visible:

Use pliers (or bolt cutters) to cut off the hook or flatten the barb. Pull the hook back out of the bird.

■ If the hook is swallowed and removal is not possible:

Cut the line as close to the point of entry as possible and leave the hook in the bird.



Streamer lines can be purchased from LFSI in Seattle: (800) 647-2135

If injured or sick

Fisheries observers or—if no observer is on board—**boat captains** are responsible for carrying out these instructions.

1. Call **Alaska SeaLife Center hotline** at **1-888-774-7325** or **907-224-6395**
2. Report to **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service** at **1-800-858-7621** or **907-271-2888**.
3. Retain live birds in a safe location.
4. **Surrender it as soon as possible** (alive or dead) as directed by **USFWS**

Reporting a dead short-tailed albatross

1. Call **NOAA Fisheries** at **1-800-853-1964** or **907-586-7228**, or
2. Call **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service** at **1-800-858-7621** or **907-271-2888**.
3. **Immediately freeze** any dead short-tailed albatross (if freezing is not available, **keep it as cold as possible**)
4. **Label with vessel name, latitude and longitude** where hooked, and the **numbers and colors of any leg bands** (leg bands **must be left attached**)

ID a Short-tailed Albatross: Bright pink bill with thin black line around base



Juvenile



Sub Adult



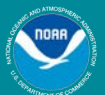
Adult

Offal Discharge Requirements 50 CFR 679.24(e)(2)(v)

During **hauling or setting**, **discharge offal** in a manner that **distracts from baited hooks**, either

- **Aft of the hauling station**, or
- **Opposite side** of the vessel

Remove hooks from discharged offal. **Eliminate directed** discharge through chutes or pipes **from the stern**. If not setting from the stern, **eliminate directed discharge** of residual bait and offal **over sinking hooks**.



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